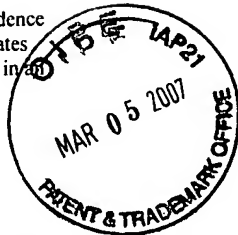


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 28 November 2006 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 503659. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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In response to the Office action dated 28 November 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.